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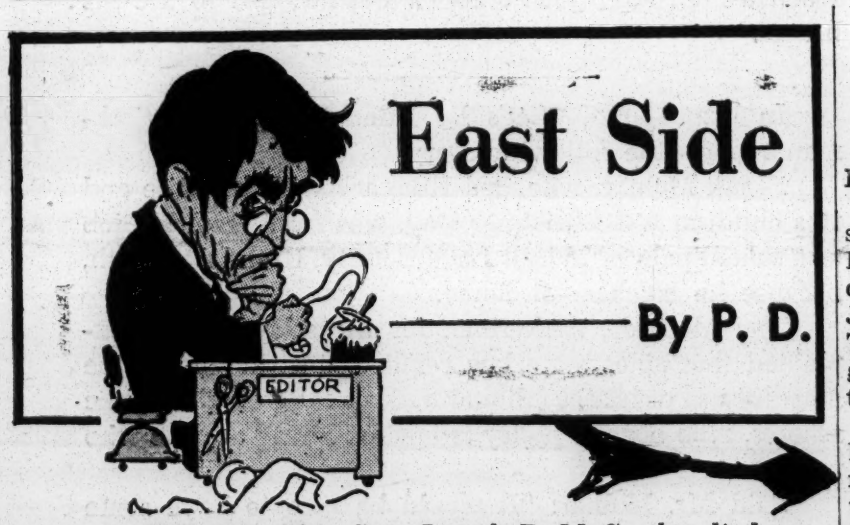

East Side

By P. D.

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And from a reader we have received these verses written of a departed British M.P. narly 40 years ago:

Letters

Van Nuys, Calif.

Dear Mr. East:

Enclosed is a check to cover a subscription to your paper for the President of our company who recently laid down the Wall Street Journal and picked up an issue of The Petal Paper; he thinks its the greatest thing since the psychiatrists couch!

We, in the firm, whole-heartedly agree with him, and maybe next year, after the mad scramble to read his copy, he may let us enter two subscribtions.

With reference to your last paragraph in "A Note to the Reader (March 14th issue) in which you remark that you 'may be a flop but would prefer to be a flop with your own views', may I send along a little poem I discovered typed on a scrap of paper (author unknown);

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Will do no good . . .
They never will prevail
To tip the hovering scale
When justice hangs in balance.

I don't think
I ever thought they would.
But I am prejudiced beyond
debate
In favor of my right to choose
which side
Shall feel the stubborn ounces

Author Langston Hughes On — The Black List

Langston Hughes, one of America's great Negro writers, spoke earlier this month at the National Assembly of the Authors League of America. The text of the Hughes talk appears below.

Bruce Caton spoke of the writer's chance to be heard. My chance to be heard as a Negro writer is not so great as your chance. I once approached the Play Service of the Dramatics Guild as to the handling of some of my plays. No, was the answer, they would not know where to place plays about Negro life. I once sent one of my best known short stories, before it came out in book form, to one of our oldest and most famous American magazines. The story was about racial violence in the South. It came back to me with a very brief little note saying the editor did not believe his readers wished to read about such things. Another story of mine, which did not concern race problems at all, came back to me from one of our best-known editors of anthologies of fiction with a letter praising the story but saying he, the editor, could not tell if the characters were white or colored. Would I make them definitely Negro? Just a plain story about human beings from me was not up his alley, it seems. So before the word man I simply inserted black, and before the girl's name, the words brownskin—and the story was accepted. Only a mild form of racial bias. But now let us come to something more serious.

Censorship, the black list: Negro writers, just by being black, have been on the blacklist all our lives. Do you know that there are libraries in our country that will not stock a book by a Negro writer, not even as a gift? There are towns where Negro newspapers and magazines cannot be sold—except surreptitiously. There are American magazines that have never published anything by or about Negroes. There are film studios that have never hired a Negro writer. Censorship for us begins at the color line.

As to the tangential ways in which many white writers may make a living: I've already mentioned Hollywood. Not once in a blue moon does Hollywood send for a Negro writer, no matter how famous he may be . . . when you go into your publishers' offices, how many colored editors, readers, or even secretaries do you see?

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How richly with ridiculous display
The politician's corpse was laid away.
While all of his acquaintance sneered and slanged
I wept, for I had hoped to see him hanged.

In Rye, N. Y. a gentleman named Philip Sterling is collecting an anthology of wit and humor from the view point of the American Negro. Following are a few excerpts from the forthcoming work:

Testimonial

The white man drove down to this poor sharecropper's shack and told him he was going to put him on the radio.

Put me on the radio, boss? Whaffor?

Gonna put you on the radio, Sam, because you been a mighty good Niggra, for a Niggra, and we gonna give you a chance to tell the whole world how fine we treat your people in Mississippi.

So the two of them drove on down to the radio station and went in.

Now there's the microphone, Sam. Jes' talk into it.

This the microphone boss?

That's right, Sam.

And when I talk into it the whole world can hear me?

That's right, Sam.

Outside of Mississippi? All over the world?

That's right, Sam.

Sure enough, Sam. Jest you go ahead and tell 'em. So Sam walked over to the microphone, grabbed on to it with both hands and hollered:

"Heh-e-e-e-e-lp!" —Thurgood Marshall

Law of Gravity — Southern Style

Jim and his partner, Bill, were working on this tall building. Jim got too close to the edge and Bill called out, "Jim, stop, you're about to fall off."

As he toppled over, Jim hollered, "I can't stop. I'm on my way."

Bill leaned over the edge and shouted, "You, Jim! Look out! You're gonna fall right on that white lady below." So Jim stopped and came right on up again.

Effective Substitute

Bill Alston started life under handicaps not uncommon to the darker brother in a region like North Carolina. Nevertheless he became a skilled artisan in a number of trades, carpentry, cabinet work, masonry, plumb-

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Best of luck to you.
Sincerely,
Sepulveda Land Corporation
Helen M. Schrank, Gen. Mgr.
Valley Market Town

Dear P. D.:

I shore was glad you printed again that article correctin' the Bible on segregation. That piece said some things I been a thinkin' for a long long time but skeered to say out in the open, namely, that we've got to start segregatin' ourselves from evbody who don't respeck our Southern viewpoint, even from them Bible writers that don't seem able to tell White from Black.

In fact, it looks like we hight have to start segregatin' ourselves from the Lord Hisself if He don't do some closer watchin' about who He runs with and if He don't stop talkin' so much about "the least of these, my brothers," an' "God has made of one blood all people," 'an "God is no respecter of persons," an' "one is our Master, even Christ, and all we are brothers." To tell you the truth (don't quote me, son) I ain't never forgive the Lord yet for the big mistake He made when He made the breedin' qualities of Black and White so that they could mix and mongerelize! Everybody knows that ain't FITTIN', and the Lord oughta knowed it, too, and made them different.

ABSOLUTE SEGREGATION;—That's what we've got to start demandin' and maintainin' for everybody and everything from princes to pawpers and from treasures to trash. Jest so all the world can know exactly WHO we are and WHAT we stand for, I would go so fer as to say that we oughta put signs on all our publick trash cans even, sayin' plainly, "FOR WHITE TRASH ONLY."

You know, jest gettin' this off my Southern chest an' on to paper makes me feel a whale of a lot better; but somehow I'm still a mite oneasy. Guess I'm just still

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We have in America today about a dozen top-flight, frequently published, and really good Negro writers. Do you not think it strange that of that dozen, at least half of them live abroad, far away from their people, their problems, and the source of their material: Richard Wright—"Native Son" in Paris; Chester Himes—"The Primitives" in Paris; James Baldwin—"Giovanni's Room" in Paris; William Denby—"Beetle Creek" in Rome; Ralph Ellison—"Invisible Man" in Rome; Frank Yerby—of the dezen best sellers—South France; Willard Motley—"Knock On Any Door—Mexico.

Why? WHY? Because the stones thrown at Autherine Lucy at the University of Alabama are thrown at them, too. Because the shadow of Montgomery and the bombs under Rev. King's house shadow them and shatter them, too. Because the body of little Emmett Till drowned in a Mississippi river and no one brought to justice, haunts them, too Because the jimcrow schools from New York to New Orleans Jim Crow them, too. One of the writers I've mentioned when last I saw him before he went abroad, said to me, "I don't want my children to grow up in the shadow of Jim Crow."

And so let us end with children. And let us end with poetry—since somehow the planned poetry panel, of which I was to have been a part, did not materialize. So, therefore, there has been no poetry in our National Assembly. Forgive me, then, if I read a poem. It's about a child—a little colored child. I imagine her as being maybe six or seven years old. She grew up in the Deep South where our color lines are still legal. Then her family moved to a Northern or Western industrial city—one of those continual migrations of Negroes looking for a better town. There in this Northern city—maybe a place like Newark, N. J., or Omaha, Neb., or Oakland, Calif., the little girl goes one day to a carnival, and she sees the merry-go-round going round, and she wants to ride. But being a little colored girl, and remembering the South, she doesn't know if she can ride or not. And if she can ride, where? So this is what she says:

Where is the Jim Crow section
On this merry-go-round,
Mister, cause I want to ride?
Down South where I come from
White and colored
Can't sit side by side.
Down South on the train
There's a Jim Crow car,
On the bus we're put in the back
—But there aint no back
To a merry-go-round!
Where's the horse
For a kid that's black?

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skeered that, after all our censorin' and correctin', the Lord still ain't gonna see this thing our way.

Respectively yourn,

A. FRAID.

Summer Hazards Are Now With Us

Summer brings with it large amounts of pleasure, but also many dangers as well. Poison ivy, poison oak and sumac are some of the plants to avoid.

Snakes, like the striking timber rattler, are on the prowl during the warm months and constitute a danger to the careless.

Water hazards include horseplay in boats and on piers as well as related dangers of sunburn and possibility of drowning through entering the water too soon after eating, swimming alone and overrating one's swimming ability.

RESERVISTS TO TRAIN

The Continental Army Company is preparing final plans for the mobilization of 650,000 Reservists, including National Guard units, for a summer training program that will tax the Army's training facilities. The total Reserve volume for summer training, which will run from June through September, will be made up of 380,000 National Guardsmen, 245,000 Reservists and about 15,000 Reserve officers.

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ing and what not. He had even taught himself to read blueprints and he frequently amazed his various white employers in his technical ingenuity and knowledge.

"Bill," one of his empolyers once asked, "How is it that a man like you, who has never had any schooling, can do so many things and do them so well?"

"Mr. Sam," Bill replied, "I always reckoned that when a man ain't got no education, he's got to use his brains."

In his column, "Let's Be Human," Harry Fleischman reports the following story:

Frank Molnar, who fled Hungary with his wife and two children last Christmas Day, was fired from his job as a school painter in Salt Lake County, Utah last month, because he smokes—at home.

Don McBride, spokesman for the school board, explained that since state law required instruction on the harmful use of tobacco, liquor and narcotics in the public schools, "the board's policy is against hiring anyone who uses them."

Said Mr. Molnar: "It would be nice to have some democracy in Utah as well as in Europe."

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Services begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., Bill Barlow, Supt. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. by Rev. Justin Garrett, pastor. Baptist Training Union meets at 6:15 p.m. Mid-week Prayer meeting is held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday. GA's meet after school on Mondays, and RA's meet before prayer meeting on Wednesdays. Song services are under the direction of O. U. Barlow, Mrs. Jack Fikes, pianist.

Church nursery open at all services.

PETAL METHODIST CHURCH, MAIN STREET, PETAL

Services begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., W. C. Mathis, Superintendent.

Rev. J. P. Payne, Pastor, preaches at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

WSCS meets at 2:00 p.m. on Mondays.

Mid-Week Prayer Meeting is held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Choir practice follows prayer meeting.

Song services are under the direction of Mrs. B. L. Coulter; Mrs. D. H. Halliwell, Sr., Organist.

The public is cordially invited to attend. The nursery is open at all services.

GREEN'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, OLD RICHTON ROAD, PETAL

Services begin at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday School, Robert Powell, Supt.

Q. C. Barrett, Pastor, preaches at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting is 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays . . . following prayer meeting all organizations meet . . . YWA's, GA's, RA's, WMU, Brotherhood, and Sunbeams.

Song services are under the direction of W. C. Rainey, Jr.; pianist is Miss Polly Morgan.

The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend services. Nursery is open at all services.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CENTRAL AVENUE, PETAL

Services begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Henry Hardy, Supt.

Rev. W. A. Richardson, Pastor, preaches at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Baptist Training Union meets at 6:30 p.m. Sundays.

Mid-Week Prayer meeting is held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays.

Song services are under the direction of Mr. Ford Parker; Mrs. J. M. Van Devender, pianist.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Nursery is open at all services.

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Services will begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., Pat Rogers, Supt.

Rev. Sam W. Waggener, Pastor, preaches at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Training Union meets at 6:45 p.m., C. E. Richardson, Director.

Mid-Week Prayer meeting is held at 7:30 pm. Wednesdays at Richton Road and Harvey Mission prayer meeting is held 7:30 p.m. Thursdays.

Song services are under the direction of Mr. Charles Caulkin; Mrs. W. H. Clearman, Organist, and Mrs. Mazie Nell Smith, pianist.

The public is cordially invited to attend; the nursery is open at all services.

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Evangelist Howard S. Williams preaches at 11.00 a.m.

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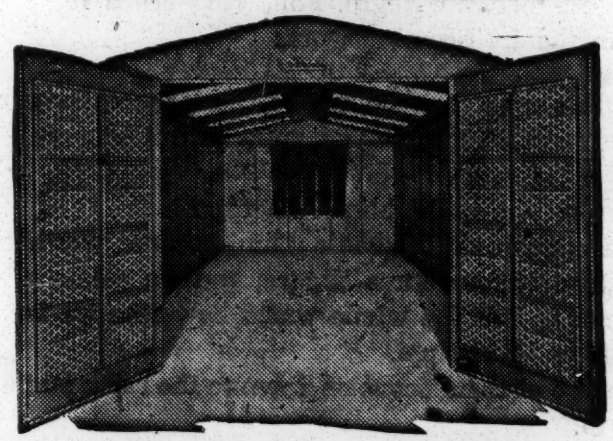

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Liberals To Fight Battle

By Barrow Lyons

There aren't many Americans who know who Jerome K. Kuykendall is. But the Senate knows, and when Kuykendall's name comes up for confirmation to the post of chairman of the Federal Power Commission, the noises will be loud and long. President Eisenhower has reappointed Kuykendall to fill the job he has held since 1953.

Confirmation, or refusal of the Senate to confirm, could mean a considerable difference in the gas and electric light bills of a great many citizens in every part of the nation.

The electric utility industry collects more than $7-billion in power bills every year, and the natural gas industry serving some 22 million customers takes in around $3 billion. A difference of one cent per kilowatt-hour or one cent per 1,000 cubic feet of gas makes a difference of hundreds of millions in dollars that the public will pay every year to two industries that are among the most thriving in the world.

A hearing on the reappointment of Mr. Kuykendall was set for May 22 by the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee; but because another appointee to a different agency, who was scheduled to appear at the same time, was to be out of town, the hearing was postponed. It migh take place any day.

Unless an appointee of the President has a thoroughly disreputable record, the Senate usually confirms the appointment. But, in the instance of Mr. Kuykendall, although he is a most reputable gentleman, liberals expect to kick up a real row.

Great Issues Involved

The issues involved are truly important. Mr. Kuykendall, as a loyal Eisenhower man, has espoused the cause of the great private utilities, which wish to end the competition of low-cost power generated at dams owned by the federal government, other public agencies, and REA cooperatives, as well as steam and hydro plants owned by some municipalities, especially in the West.

The liberals don't want to end low-cost public "yardstick" power, which has been one of the chief means in holding private company rates down to reasonable levels.

That Mr. Kuykendall should be inclined toward the side of the private corporations is quite natural. He opposes such developments as the Tennessee Valley Authority, and the high federal dam proposed for Hells Canyon in the Snake River. As a lawyer he represented some of the large private utilities in the Pacific Northwest before he was appointed by former Governor Arthur Langlie to the Washington State Public Service Commission. Langlie was an avowed foe of the Hells Canyon project.

Private Power Preferred

The commission of which Mr. Kuykendall is the head granted licenses to the Idaho Power Co. to build three low dams in the Snake River in the Hells Canyon site, despite the findings of the commission examiner that the high federal dam would be much the superior project.

The Hells Canyon dam was the big issue upon which Northwest Democrats were swept into office last November, so the reappointment of Mr. Kuykendall is charged with political plutonium.

But the FPC, in addition to being charged with the regulation of rates on electric energy which enters into interstate commerce, has the responsibility for regulating higher gas rates. Congressman Torbett Macdonald of Boston drew from Mr. Kuykendall the fact that the White House had asked him to prepare a new bill, following the presidential veto of last year's gas bill. The President's veto followed the exposure of attempted bribery in getting the bill through Congress.

Gas Men Draft Bill

Kuykendall admitted that he had entrusted the drafting job to representatives of the gas men — producers, pipeline officials and distributing systems — but had never consulted any representative of consumers, or the 200 majors who protested last year's bill.

To the liberal Senators who are opposing Mr. Kuykendall, his appointment means increased rates to consumers of gas and electricity which would run well over a billion dollars a year, and mismanagement of the great natural resources of America's river basins.

To the gas companies and utilities his appointment means a friend who understands their problems and sympathizes, on the whole.

It will be remembered that some years ago the oil, gas and electric power interests succeeded in preventing the reappointment of another Chairman of the FPC, Leland Olds, who established the reputation of being one of the most public-minded and efficient public servants the government ever had. The issue was the same —regulation of the natural gas industry. Although Olds was not confirmed for reappointment, Congress finally enacted into law the principles for which he stood. It is these principles that the same interests now wish to erase from the law.

Egg Production Helped By Cage

Many commercial egg producers now keep their laying hens in individual cages rather than housing them in groups on the floor. Poultrymen of the State needed definite information on the advantages of the two systems.

Two houses were built at the northeast branch station at Vernona for use in the study, each with a capacity of 500 hens. All conditions were as near identical as possible except that cages were used in one house and not in the other.

The initial cost, replacements, results in more uniform egg production, over-all mortality, less pounds of feed, and labor income for the first year's operation was in favor of cages.

World Population Is Up 43,000,000

U. N. statisticians reported the world's population has been growing about 43 million a year — or 5,000 an hour. The U. N.'s 1956 Demographis Yearbook — a 751 page compilation of figures about people — said this increase of 1.6 per cent yearly results from a birth rate of 34 babies per 1,000 persons yearly and a death rate of 18 per 1,000 yearly.

It estimated the world5s population in mid-1955 at 2,691,000,000. An increase of 1.6 per cent would bring this up to about 2,778,000,000 by mid-1957.

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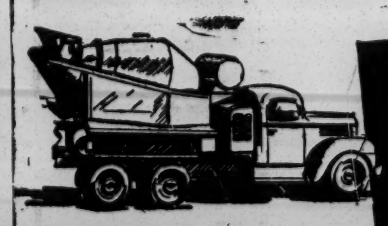
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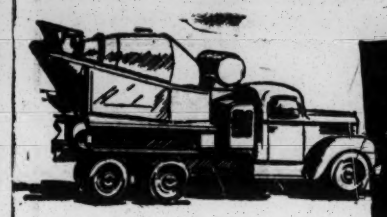

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Canyon project.

Private Power Preferred

The commission of which Mr. Kuykendall is the head granted licenses to the Idaho Power Co. to build three low dams in the Snake River in the Hells Canyon site, despite the findings of the commission examiner that the high federal dam would be much the superior project.

The Hells Canyon dam was the big issue upon which Northwest Democrats were swept into office last November, so the reappointment of Mr. Kuykendall is charged with political plutonium.

But the FPC, in addition to being charged with the regulation of rates on electric energy which enters into interstate commerce, has the responsibility for regulating the rates on natural gas crossing state lines. This is about half of the natural gas produced.

He does not believe that the price of natural gas should be regulated at the wellhead, and he thinks that the FPC should be permitted to fix the rates on gas at its own discretion, without reference to the cost of producing it, if they thought that irrelevant.

Recently testifying before the House Interstate and Foreign Coommerce Committee on the Harris bill, which would result in some years ago the oil, gas and electric power interests succeeded in preventing the reappointment of another Chairman of the FPC, Leland Olds, who established the reputation of being one of the most public-minded and efficient public servants the government ever had. The issue was the same —regulation of the natural gas industry. Although Olds was not confirmed for reappointment, Congress finally enacted into law the principles for which he stood. It is these principles that the same interests now wish to erase from the law.

U. N. statisticians reported the world's population has been growing about 43 million a year — or 5,000 an hour. The U. N.'s 1956 Demographis Yearbook — a 751 page compilation of figures about people — said this increase of 1.6 per cent yearly results from a birth rate of 34 babies per 1,000 persons yearly and a death rate of 18 per 1,000 yearly.

It estimated the world5s population in mid-1955 at 2,691,000,000. An increase of 1.6 per cent would bring this up to about 2,778,000,000 by mid-1957.

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The World Of Nature

By John M. Frazier

Late spring is the transition to the summer season. The regular pattern of the weather is to alternate hot days with coll and fair days.

Each type is the result of the kind of air mass that is surrounding us at the time. High temperature with high humidity and rain is the product of a warm air mass fro mover the Gulf of Mexico. The cool, dry air is brought by a cold air mass from the weather spawning ground of the Artic region.

With the coming of summer, there will be few cool days because the Artic air masses cannot penetrate this far into the subtropical atmospheric condition over the Gulf of Mexico and its adjacent land areas.

Plant Development

Spring is the period for seed germination. Most of the annual plants have begun growth. Trees have added much of their annual rings. This is known as secondary growth. Most of the shoots have made their linear growth. This is known primary growth. Slow growth will continue.

What, then, is left for plants to do? Chiefly it is a process of maturing fruits and the storage of food for the next growing season.

Some of the earliest plants have already matured fruits and are storing food for the next season. Among the wild fruits in this group are huckleberries, dewberries, and strawberries.

Bird Activities

The birds that nest early have produced one brood and in some cases are now making preparation for the second brood. Among the birds that may be building new nests, repairing the old nest, or making addition thereto, are some of our permanent bird population. The list includes English sparrows and starling, both of which live close to human habitation. Others are mocking birds, bluebirds, cardinals, and doves.

The white throated sparrows have gone further north to nest. Most of them have returned to their nesting site by mid-May. Occasionally one can be heard singing its melodious notes in dense shrubs after this date.

The transients that like to linger with us until late spring include the cedar waxwings. They can be seen in small flocks and their high pitched notes can be heard from tall trees as late as the first week in June. When the supply of ligustrum berries is exhausted, they move northward. They reach their breeding ground in time to produce one brood before reurning to their winter feeding ground.

The main flow of the northword migration of birds generally has passed. The indigo bunting is a species which may be seen occasionally late in May. They are seen in what seems to be small mixed flocks. The males are darker than bluebirds while the female resemble sparrows. The difference in color of pairs makes the seemingly mixed groups. The deep blue color of males always attract attention.

Insect Increment

Longer and warmer days favor increases in the insect populations. Many eggs that were laid last summer and autumn have transformation of metamorphosis and are ready to emerge as young insects. Grasshoppers by the millions have been, and are continuing to make their appearance as tiny, immature insects known as nymphs.

The reason plant lice (also known to the entomologist as aphids) can increase in such prodigious numbers is because of a peculiar change in their methweather arrives. During cool seasons female aphids mate and lay eggs. Both male and female insects are produced by this method. During hot weather, females stop laying eggs. They begin giving birth to live young females.

Within about three days these females that were born alive, give birth to other females. They do not mate with males. Soon many generations have been

VRD Report

A total of more than 40 disabled residents of the Hattiesburg district have been helped to get into suitable jobs this fiscal year, it was reported today by C. C. Barefoot, Counselor, Vocational Rehabilitation Division.

Mr. Barefoot said the persons rehabilitated were placed in employment suited to their abilities as well as their limitations. However, he pointed out that the number who have been helped has not increased because the vocational rehabilitation program in Mississippi needs more funds in order to be able to serve more people.

"The disabled in Mississippi could have a Vocational Rehabilitation program twice the size of the present one," continued Mr. Barefoot, "if we had adequate state appropriation to obtain two federal dollars for each dollar our state sets aside to help the handicapped."

The Vocational Rehabilitation program in every state is administered only by the State agency, Mr. Barefoot pointed out. He explained that although federal matching money is available on a matching basis, there are none of the usual "strings" attached to its use within the state, as so many people think at first.

" The State Board of Vocational Education is the governing board for the operation of the Mississippi Vocational Rehabilitation Division," Barefoot stated. He also pointed out that it was largely through the efforts of persons in the field of education that a program of Vocational Rehibilitation for civilians was first made possible in 1920.

There are more than 130 persons now receiving some rehabilitation service at the present time in the Hattiesburg District which includes Covington, Forrest, Jefferson Davis, Lamar, Lawrence, Marion, Pearl River and Walthall

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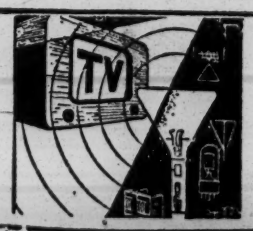

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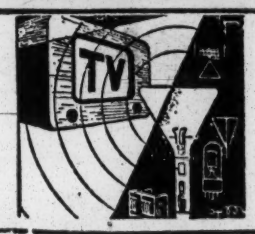

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The process of giving birth to live young without the aid of males is known to biologists as parthenogenesis. In most species, only female are developed parthenogenetically. In honeybees, however, this process produces a male, the drone. The eggs from which all drone honeybees develop are not fertilized by a sperm cell.

Planets and Stars

The comet that visited the sun a few weeks ago faded very rapidly. The weather conditions were such that the vast majority of people did not have an opportunity to see it.

The sky is still full of interesting planets, stars, and constellations, or groups of stars. Four planets are now or soon will be visible to the unaided eye. The planets can be singled out fairly easily.

Nine first magnitude stars are visible at this time. They are Antares, Pollux, Spica, Regulus, Arcturus, Vega, Cappelt, and Altair.

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State Ranks Ninth In Pulp Industry

Nine per cent of Mississippi's maunfacturing employment force is at work in the pulp, paper and paper products industry, placing the state fourth in the nation in this category, said Warren Hood, Jackson, Chairman of the Mississippi forest industries committee.

Mississippi ranks directly behind Maine, Louisiana and Florida and was one of the nine states in the nation which produced more than a million tons of wood pulp in 1955, latest year for which complete statistics are available.

FARM PONDS

Farmers built 87,430 ponds in 1956, a record for any one year, according to the Agriculture Department. The previous high mark was 86,421 built in 1954. In the last six years, 425,521 ponds have been built with technical assistance from the Soil Conservation Service. Since the service began offering such assistance, farmers have built 803,000 ponds, averaging one to two acres each.

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